

UPDATE



Week 2, Term 1, 2012

Tomorrow we celebrate our opening school Mass with Fr Chris, who has been appointed administrator of Kingswood parish, while the diocese of Parramatta is developing its Pastoral Plan. You can read about the hopes and dreams of our diocese in Outlook, the diocesan newspaper coming home today. It is work that invites us all to participate, so bring your wisdom to creating a vibrant, inclusive and blessed community of Parramatta diocese.

On Friday, 16 students from Year 6 presented themselves for selection as student leaders for 2012. Each of these students spoke about their hopes for the school and their contribution to making St Joseph's a great place to learn. The quality of the speakers was excellent and the courage of these students to put themselves forward, knowing only 8 would be selected, showed maturity and commitment. Congratulations to all who presented themselves!

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2012 Student Leaders:

Ebony Jeffreys, Sam Pares, Abigail Dukes, Cooper Starmans, Natalie Berg, Ben Maton, Amy Schoenherr, and Eric Fuller.

Well done! Badges will be presented at our Mass tomorrow.

Next Wednesday, 15th February, we invite all parents and carers to attend our Information Night, to hear our plans for 2012, meet our staff, meet your child's teachers, and meet other parents. The evening will finish with supper in the multi-purpose area. Child minding is provided by Joey's staff. Children can be dropped at Joeys from 6:45pm until the end of the meeting, approx. 9:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

All students will participate in the Mathematics Assessment Interview as well as literacy assessments in the first 3 weeks of



KEY DATES

- 8 Feb9:30am Mass—whole school
- 13 Feb9:00am Assembly—Stage 2
- 15 Feb9:00am Mass
-Parramatta Softball Trials
-7:00pm Meet the Teacher / Parent Information Night
- 16 FebParramatta Cricket Trials
- 20 Feb9:00am Assembly
- 21 FebNepean Zone Swimming Carnival
- 22 Feb9:00am Ash Wednesday Mass—Years 3-6
- 27 Feb9:00am Assembly
-Parramatta Hockey Trials

this term. Kinder and Year 1 students will also be participating in an Oral Language pilot project. More details about this coming. Parents wishing to discuss their child's learning, are asked to make an appointment with the class teacher. Appointment sheets will be available in classrooms next Wednesday night.

Student attendance at school is a legal requirement. Schools must record non-attendance and explanations. Arriving late at school is recorded as a partial absence and will be shown on Student Reports this year. Please ensure students are at school by 8:50am each day, as that is the official school starting time. Your child and your school appreciates attention to punctuality.

We have planned Staff Development Days for Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April. They are the first two days of Term 2, Wednesday 25th being ANZAC Day. These are Pupil Free days with Joey's providing supervision for students as required.

Looking forward to a great year,
Fran Jackson
Principal

Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, 15 February from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Parents are invited to the Parent Information Evening on 15 February. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher as well as to be briefed on class routines and learning outcomes for the coming year. Please forward the slip below to school by Friday, 10 February, indicating your attendance at the evening, and whether you require child minding.

Parent Information Evening

I, _____ will be attending the Parenting Information Evening, and do/do not require child minding as follows:

- Number of children attending aged 0-3
- Number of children attending aged 3-5
- Number of children attending aged 5 and over

St Joseph's Netball Club

St Joseph's Netball Club registration day is this Saturday, 11 February from 11:00am until 2:00pm at the Function Room, Peachtree Hotel, Castlereagh Road.

If you have further enquiries, please ring Ray Geraghty, President and Registrar on 4730 4918 or 0412 061 335.

Please note that the netball club is not affiliated with St Joseph's Primary School.



English for Employment

Job search strategies and language skills for participating in the workplace

English for Employment is

- for skilled migrants seeking employment in their chosen profession
- a fast track course to prepare qualified professionals to enter the Australian workforce
- funded by the NSW Government
- free for eligible participants
- delivered in part-time classes over eight weeks

Human resource specialists and employers will provide sessions on the current expectations of finding work and career advice. They will also provide interactive workshops.

Course outline

- English language support including pronunciation
- Developing a greater awareness of workplace culture and trends in the Australian labour market
- Finding your fit in your field of expertise
- Developing a career portfolio including your resume and cover letter
- Strategies to identify employment opportunities
- Preparing for the job interview
- Career management skills
- Marketing yourself effectively

Credentials

Students can obtain Statements of Attainment for modules from Certificate IV in Spoken and Written English. This qualification is recognised throughout Australia.

Entry Requirements

Candidates must

- be a permanent Australian or NZ resident or citizen
- have overseas qualifications
- be seeking work in their field of expertise
- have an IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent *

You will also need to provide the following documents

- current visa page of your passport
- your qualifications (English translations)
- IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) or equivalent

*Applicants without an IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) or equivalent: may be eligible for a free English Language Proficiency Assessment

Compulsory information session:

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2012

Time: 10.45 am

Location: Blacktown College, Main Street, Blacktown, North Campus

Room: G Block, Lower Ground Floor room: GLG 23

Course Dates:

Start: 27 February 2012 Finish: 16 May 2012

16 hours per week for 10 weeks

To register for the English for Employment Information session please contact:
Beverly McMillan on (02) 9208 1797

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Pathways to Employment

FREE COURSES FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS



School Fees

School Fees Statements for 2012 have been sent out. If you do not receive a statement by 15th February please contact us to arrange. If you wish to enter into a payment arrangement and have not received a new payment arrangement form please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999. For any queries regarding the payment of school fees or if you are experiencing difficulty in making the payment please also contact Jenny Pendleton.

Joey's Before & After School Care tel 4732 5771

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Training for parents

ENROL NOW

Locally run, in partnership with a Registered Training Organisation nationally accredited courses in:

- Business Administration (Certificate III)
- Transport and Logistics (Certificate II or III)
- Community Services - Disability/Aged Care (Certificate III)
- Hospitality (Certificate II)
- Information, Digital Media and Technology (Certificate II)

Starting early February 2012

- Face to face and self-paced study options
- Enrolment costs covered
- No classes during school holidays
- Programs can be tailored to suit your language, literacy and education levels

To be eligible* you must be:

a parent on a New Start Allowance or a Parenting Payment Single or the Parenting Payment Partnered benefit, **and** have an injury, health condition or disability, **and** be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.

ENROL NOW! Call our Penrith office on **4723 7711**.

*Eligibility criteria apply

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood
(Phone 4721 4080)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—Polish Mass, 4.00pm; Vigil, 6.00pm
Sunday—8.30am & 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8.00am,
Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.00am



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